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USTINOV ON USSR RESPONSE TO U.S. ARMS BUILDUP

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[Quotation marks as received]

[Text] Moscow, 6 Dec (TASS) -- "At present the policy of the United States and those who follow in the wake of this policy is of an ever more dangerous nature," Dmitriy Ustinov, member of the CPSU Central Committee Politburo, USSR defense minister and marshal of the Soviet Union, stated at a meeting of the party aktiv of the Moscow Military District.

"Despite the present objective realities, and in the final analysis and despite all good sense," Ustinov said, "Washington is as before doing everything it can in order to outdo the Soviet Union in the military sense and at the same time to give themselves full scope for winning world domination."

"This aim," the speaker continued, "is served by taking to an unprecedented level the intensity of military preparations by imperialism.

In the 3 and 1/2 decades since the war alone the United States has spent $2 quintillion on military purposes. And now, in the coming 5-year period from 1983-1987 alone, they plan to spend more than $1.6 quintillion on these purposes, the lion's share of these colossal resources going to the development of strategic offensive forces and nuclear weapons of all kinds.

Recently the U.S. President adopted the decision to deploy another 100 new MX intercontinental ballistic nuclear missiles.

Together with this the new Pershing II Eurostrategic missiles and medium-range cruise missiles with various forms of base are going into production. Practical preparations are now already under way for their deployment in West Euroepan NATO countries. Military space systems are being developed. The arsenal of chemical weapons is being renewed and considerably increased.

The might of combat-ready groups of forces and fleets is being built up. The efficiency of conventional weapons is being greatly increased. The network of military bases and other military facilities [obyekty] aimed against the USSR and the whole socialist community is being perfected.

U.S. military doctrines, ensuing from Washington's proclaimed strategy of 'direction confrontation,' are also aimed at the achievement of military supremacy over the Soviet Union and the establishment of U.S. world overlordship," Dimitriy Ustinov continued. "The doctirnes include a broad range of aggressive concepts -- from a massive first nuclear strike to the waging of 'limited' and 'protracted' nuclear wars. But from the directives made public in the United States, they amount to 'the destruction of socialism as a sociopolitical system.'

The large-scale exercises of U.S. and NATO land and naval forces are in effect rehearsals for starting and waging nuclear war agianst the USSR and the Warsaw Treaty.

And finally the new "crusade" against communism proclaimed by the U.S. President has the aim of achievement by the United States of world domination. Its purpose is to politically isolate and economically weaken the USSR and its friends. To these ends an economic, political and ideological advance has been undertaken against our country and other countries of the socialist community.

Of course, on the historical plane attempts by newly arrived aspirants to world domination are absolutely without hope, the marshal said.

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REPORTAGE ON HOUSE VOTE ON MX FUNDING BILL

'Painful Defeat'

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[Text] Moscow, 9 Dec (TASS) -- American observers consider practically unanimously that the result of the voting in the U.S. House of Representatives was a vote of no confidence in the White House, the first painful defeat for the administration on a major question of military policy, PRAVDA's Washington correspondent Nikolay Kurdyumov writes in the paper today.

In the words of NEW YORK TIMES observer S. Roberts, notes the dispatch, the decision of the House of Representatives to refuse the administration appropriations for the production of MX missiles in fiscal 1983 reflects the "widespread conviction on Capitol Hill that the program advanced by President Reagan to build up the military arsenal has gone too far."

As the PRAVDA correspondent goes on to say, the fact that 50 Republicans in the House joined with 195 Democrats in the voting indicates unambiguously, in the opinion of observers, that the 5-year program proposed by President Reagan for an unprecedented buildup of the U.S. military arsenal costing $1.6 trillion has, in recent months, been drawing growing criticism not only from Democrats but from a considerable number of Republicans.

Reagan Looking Ahead

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[From "The World Today" program presented by Viktor Mikheyev]

[Excerpt] The White House's plans to destroy the strategic balance which exists between the USSR and the United States is arousing disquiet not only throughout the world but also in the United States itself. These plans have shown the United States' responsibility for the military escalation in the world. They have shown it once again.

The recent decision by the White House to deploy MX missiles undermines Soviet-U.S. understandings which oblige both sides to curb the strategic arms race. Alarmed by the broad protests in the United States against the dangerous plans to deploy MX missiles and the positive reaction to the USSR defense minister's answers, official Washington has attempted to justify the actions of the Reagan administration. They do not even stop short of crude lying. Thus, a State Department representative went as far as to depict the deployment of the MX missiles as virtually a step in harmony with the existing structure of arms control which even, allegedly, demonstrates U.S. restraint.

As has already been reported, today the U.S. House of Representatives rejected the allocations requested by the Reagan administration for the start of the production of the latest MX intercontinental ballistic missiles. By a majority of 69 votes -- 245 for, 176 against -- it adopted an amendment to the bill on U.S. military spending for fiscal 1983. This amendment calls for the removal from the Pentagon's budget of $988 million allocated for the creation of the first five MX missiles. The program calls for the deployment of 100 MX missiles.

The outcome of the voting in the House of Representatives reflects the widespread dissatisfaction and alarm in the United States at this militarist course by official Washington.

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CPSU'S FALIN WRITES ON DISARMAMENT ISSUES

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["Contribution" by Valentin Falin, deputy chief of the CPSU Central Committee International Information Department]

[Text] What would happen if the Soviet-U.S. negotiations on nuclear weapons in Europe were to end without results and the Old World were to grow "richer" by hundreds of U.S. medium-range missiles? It is necessary to note that what would happen in this case is not simply a quantitative change in the balance of power to the advantage of the United States but a qualitative change with incalculable consequences. Involved here are first-strike weapons with the mission, in keeping with the most recent strategic military doctrine of the United States, of above all "decapitating" the political and military leadership of the "potential enemy." This doctrine is based on the premise that the choice of time and direction of the first strike must not be connected with events in the region where these types of weapons are stationed. Washington proposes to resolve this question regardless of where an actual conflict arises by inflicting the greatest possible damage to the enemy who has ceased to be a mere potential one.

Choice of Variants and Variants of Choice

What would this mean in practice? As a result of any given crisis at any given place in the world, Washington could quickly (as it usually does) place the critically important sections of its Armed Forces, including the Euromissiles, on high alert. In that case, the other side would understandably place its countering weapons on alert -- weapons which would inevitably be created in the event of the deployment of the Pershing II and the cruise missiles in the vicinity of the USSR.

What would be left for Europe in this case? Obviously, it would have to wait and hope that the deployment of special types of U.S. strategic weapons in some NATO countries will not turn them into actual parties to a conflict reaching beyong the alliance's sphere of effectiveness.

Or let's take another variant which likewise is not impossible. According to Western sources, in the past few years the U.S. early warning system has triggered more than 50 false alarms a year which signaled the beginning of a nuclear attack. To verify and confirm that the alarms were false took 8 minutes or longer. Let us ask ourselves: Will both sides still have this amount of time once the new U.S. missiles have been deployed in Western Europe and, in response, the Soviet Union brings similar systems directly near U.S. territory? The Pershing II needs 4-6 minutes to reach its targets.

This is a probability to which we cannot close our eyes. This probability has not been sent from above but can become reality as a result of the choice the Europeans themselves make.

Our choice is not great. We either make use of the logic of cooperation or that of confrontation. Both are determined by how people and their societies behave. The governments which advocate cooperation thereby say no to the policy of strength. The governments preferring the policy of strength put their stakes on confrontation. The attempt to conduct negotiations from a position of strength negates the idea of voluntary and equal agreement because it is tantamount to restricting the other side's ability to act in the defense of its interests. What if pressure is answered with pressure and challenges with challenges? The arms race will then expand in all directions and the balancing act at the brink of war will become man's destiny as long as nobody falters and pulls all of us along into the abyss.

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["IZVESTIYA International Review" by P. Pavlov: "Doctrines of Militarism and Aggression"]

[Text] In U.S. political life the struggle between common sense and irresponsible adventurism often ends, alas, in the latter's favor. The other day a vote was held in the House Appropriations Committee on the question of allocating funds for the deployment of MX missiles. The votes in the committee were tied. Only the existing rules permit the adminsitration to hold that its proposal on allocating funds for the MX missile has been approved. However, as ABC TV admits, "the main struggle between supporters and opponents of the MX is yet to come."

In the days before the vote Congress was under attack from the administration, whose lobbying activity, as the American press notes, was headed by President R. Reagan and Pentagon boss C. Weinberger. They were trying to get the plans for deploying 100 new ICBM's through Congress.

American legislators were literally bombarded with international telephone calls from R. Reagan on his Latin American tour and from Weinberter in Brussels, where he was attending the NATO Council session. However, these feverish actions were merely the finale of a powerful campaign to prepare and "indoctrinate" public opinion and congress men which began long ago and was waged consistently and on a massive scale in order to satisfy militarist hysteria, complicated by the obsession regarding the Soviet Union's military "superiority" in nuclear arms.

The bogey of the Soviet nuclear threat has long been the main "argument" used by the Pentagon generals in robbing the Ameircan taxpayer. The lie that a gap had appeared in the U.S. strategic security system was circulated as far back as in a report to D. Eisenhower during his time as president.

In actual fact, James R. Killan, who became the "missile boss" of America in 1957, was forced to admit this, at the time the USSR was ahead of the United States neither in the sphere of missile building nor in terms of the number of nuclear warheads. The White House was well aware of this. It knew it, but nonetheless resolutely set about eliminating th nonexistent U.S. lag in intercontinental missiles. Not one but no less than six strategic missile systems that were then only on the drawing board -- Atlas, Titan, Minuteman, Thor, Jupiter and Polaris -- were put in production and eventually installed in combat launcher positions. When the Pentagon had deployed over 1,000 of these missiles, it transpired that the Soviet "missile threat" had been exaggerated 15-20 times over!

Today the transatlantic "shamans" are again conjuring up the spirits of cold war. The American Adminsitration is claiming that the period of detente benefited the socialist countries alone and cost the West dearly. As a result, it says, the USSR shot ahead and a "window of vulnerability appeared" over the U.S. strategic forces, a window that the Russian "behemoths" (that is the jargon used in America to describe ballistic missiles) may burst through. Again there is a "window," again "they have shot ahead," again "we must save ourselves" ....

However, under the conditions of the parity of forces that has really taken shape, the Pentagon's arguments are again unconvincing, to put it mildly. But the blather about an imagined lag is dangerous in that its real aim is to secure superiority. Today people across the ocean are dreaming of creating a military potential that would guarantee that Washington could solve any international problem from a position of strength.

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[Dieter Schroeder report]

[Text] Moscow, December [no date given] -- Up until now NATO has assumed that the Soviet Union would be prepared to continue the Geneva negotiations on medium-range missiles in Europe even after the counterarming began. This standpoint was held particularly by Defense Minister Woerner who in this way wanted to deprive the late 1983 deployment date envisaged by NATO of its final character if no agreement is achieved by then between the United States and the Soviet Union in Geneva. This positive approach was based, among other things, on information provided by FDP Foreign Policy Spokesman Schaefer after returning from a Moscow visit 2 weeks ago. In a talk with Zagladin, Central Committee member and deputy chief of the Central Committee's International Department, Schaefer received the impression that the Soviet Union was prepared to continue the Geneva negotiations even if no result had been achieved by the fall of 1983 and the West began to counterarm.

Either differences of opinion exist in Moscow on this point, or -- as is more likely -- the Soviet Union doesn't want to create the impression that the countermeasures it has threatened to take in case of deployment needn't be taken seriously. Apparently no political respite is to be given, especially to the Federal Republic. In talks with SUEDDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG, Valentin Falin, former Soviet ambassador in Bonn and current deputy head of the Central Committee's International Information Department, and Col Gen Nikolay Chervov of the Soviet General Staff have strongly contradicted the opinion of Woerner and Schaefer and have assumed a much harder line.

Falin said that Schaefer didn't report Zagladin's statements accurately and depicted Moscow's position incorrectly. He maintained ironically that at least Woerner didn't call the Soviet Union's good will into question, but that he went too far in believing he could anticipate Moscow's decisions and prescribe to the Soviet Union "what it should or shouldn't do." If deployment takes place, he said, the Soviet Union would implement the countermeasures announced by late General Secretary Brezhnev and his successor Andropov for strengthening its security and that of its allies.

A similar statement was made by Chervov who termed Woerner's assumption that deployment could occur and negotiations continue as "incorrect." If deployment takes place, he said, the situation would change fundamentally. The West mustn't hope that deployment could take place "without any problems." The deployment of additional nuclear weapons would disturb what he considers to be a balance in Europe. The Soviet Union would then be forced to take countermeasures. However, he didn't explain these further, referring rather to a TASS interview with Defense Minister Ustinov, who also didn't give any details.

Falin also didn't specify possible military countermeasures, but he did explain political countermeasures by saying "if deployment takes place, a new situation would emerge which would make a continuation of current negotiations impossible." Completely new considerations would then be necessary, he said. Before the superpowers sat down at the negotiating table in Geneva about a half a year ago, Foreign Minister Gromyko had long held the view that prior to the negotiations NATO should lift or at least suspend the deployment decision. Later on, however, he dropped this condition. Do Falin's statements mean a return to the Soviet foreign minister's former position? On this point Falin remained unclear, and he seemed to be willing to keep a back door open.

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U.S. HQ MOVE PART OF 'LIMITED WAR' PREPARATIONS

PM211059 Moscow PRAVDA in Russian 15 Dec 82 Second Edition p 5

[Mai Podklyuchnikov "Commentator's Column": "Behind Its Allies' Backs"]

[Text] The United States has again given its West European NATO allies serious cause for alarm. First the British newspaper THE GUARDIAN published information that U.S. Secretary of Defense C. Weinberger had decided to move his armed forces command headquarters from the West German city of Stuttgart to British territory. Realizing the foreign policy consequences of this announcement, U.S. Secretary of State G. Shultz hastened to issue a denial. However, U.S. military circles in the FRG thwarted this diplomatic move with soldierly frankness, confirming that the relocation of the headquarters "in the event of war" was indeed planned.

Meanwhile, important details attesting to the authenticity of the information received by THE GUARDIAN began to penetrate the thick hedge of renewed denials. The British newspaper THE TIMES reported that the U.S. Administration has already provided for the allocation of $13 million for the planned relocation of the headquarters. It is planned to begin construction of the new headquarters center on British soil next July.

The Pentagon's intention to remove the U.S. Armed Forces European command headquarters from West German territory says a lot. It contains an unambiguous indication that Washington is continuing to steer a course toward "limited" nuclear war. This decision, the West German newspaper MITTELBADISCHE PRESSE observes on the subject of THE GUARDIAN report, "threatens primarily the FRG, which is located in Central Europe."

Notes not only of alarm, but also of indignation, are being sounded in the FRG press that decisions of such fundamental importance are being taken across the ocean with no thought of consulting with those whom they directly concern. "Washington did not even inform the FRG Government of its intentions," the WIESBADENER KURIER writes bitterly. "It should not treat its ally like that."

The U.S. Administration, as is well known, has recently been unstinting in words about its adherence to peace. But its practical deeds are sharply at variance with its words. One after another Washington's decisions in the military field are becoming links in a tight chain of preparations for aggressive war -- whether it is a case of medium-range missiles in Europe, of the MX missiles, or of the production of neutron bombs and chemical weapons. The importance of the planned transfer of the U.S. headquarters from the FRG -- from the "theater of military operations" -- is also fully revealed against this background. And from its allies Washington expects only a further increase in military expenditure and the submissive fulfillment of decisions taken across the ocean which entail considerable danger for themselves.

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LD171754 Moscow TASS in English 1605 GMT 17 Dec 82

[Text] London December 17 TASS -- The military base in High Wycombe, where, according to the admission of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, it is proposed to set up a so-called "reserve" headquarters of the U.S. Armed Forces in Europe, will also become a third centre in Britain for the deployment of U.S. cruise missiles. This is reported by the British weekly the NEW STATESMAN.

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